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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/581,475	BERNHARD ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Gregory E. Webb	1796

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/1/2010.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13, 15-18, 20, 25-31, 33, 35, 39-43 and 45-47 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18, 20, 25-31, 33, 35, 39-43, 45 and 47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 46 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Newly submitted claim 47 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the applicant's composition could be used for purposes beyond those described in claim 47. For example the composition of claim 46 could be used as a corrosion inhibitor for copper.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 47 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ikemoto; Kazuto et al. US 6372410 B1.

Concerning the chelating agent, Ikemoto, Kazuto teaches the following:

The resist stripping composition according to the present invention may contain a corrosion inhibitor, which may include sugars such as fructose, glucose, galactose and sorbose; sugar alcohols such as **sorbitol**, xylitol and erythritol; polyphenols such as gallotannin, ellagitannin, catechin and proanthocyan; and quaternary ammonium salts such as tetramethylammonium hydroxide, tetramethylammonium carbonate and tetramethylammonium formate.

Concerning the claimed organic solvent, Ikemoto, Kazuto teaches the following:

6. The resist stripping composition according to claim 5, wherein said at least one glycol ether is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monomethyl ether,

ethylene glycol monoethyl ether, ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, ethylene glycol dimethyl ether, ethylene glycol diethyl ether, diethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, diethylene glycol monopropyl ether, diethylene glycol monoisopropyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, diethylene glycol monoisobutyl ether, **diethylene glycol monobenzyl ether**, diethylene glycol dimethyl ether, diethylene glycol diethyl ether, triethylene glycol monomethyl ether, triethylene glycol dimethyl ether, polyethylene glycol monomethyl ether, diethylene glycol methyl ethyl ether, triethylene glycol, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether acetate, ethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate, propylene glycol monomethyl ether, propylene glycol dimethyl ether, propylene glycol monobutyl ether, dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether, dipropylene glycol monopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monoisopropyl ether, dipropylene glycol monobutyl ether, dipropylene glycol dimethyl ether, dipropylene glycol dipropyl ether, dipropylene glycol diisopropyl ether, tripropylene glycol and tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether.

Concerning the water and the organic amine, Ikemoto, Kazuto teaches the following:

Claims What is claimed is: 1. A resist stripping composition comprising 0.001 to 0.5% by weight of a fluorine compound, 0.01 to 30% by weight of a corrosion inhibitor, 50 to 99% by weight of an ether solvent and the balance being substantially **water**, the corrosion inhibitor being selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium salts, organic salts derived from a carboxyl-containing organic compound and a basic

substance, phosphoric acid-based chelate compounds, carboxylic acid-based chelate compounds, **amine**-based chelate compounds, and oxime-based chelate compounds.

Concerning the fluoride, and amine, Ikemoto, Kazuto teaches the following:

2. The resist stripping composition according to claim 1, wherein said **fluorine compound** is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of hydrofluoric acid, **ammonium fluoride** and **amine hydrofluorides**.

***Conclusion***

4. Claims 1-13, and 15-17 are found to be allowable.
5. The applicant's newly defined Markush group of amines overcomes previous rejections as the prior art fails to teach the combination of the amine, the fluoride, the organic solvent and water. Nor does the prior art provide motivation for selecting these specific amines. As such these claims are found to be allowable.
6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory E. Webb whose telephone number is 571-272-1325. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-17:30 (m-f).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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